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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

OCT 21 1997

Mr. Salvador Catucci, President
American Stevedoring Inc.
70 Hamilton Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11231

Ref: 03-NYK-98

Dear Mr. Catucci:

During the October 7, 1997 inspection of your vessel watering point located in Brooklyn, NY our investigator observed violations of the Public Health Service Act and implementing regulations for the Control of Communicable Diseases and Interstate Conveyance Sanitation (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1240 and 1250).

At the conclusion of the inspection our investigator presented to Mr. John P. Donohue, Terminal Manager, a list of Inspectional Observations, Form FDA483 (copy attached), and discussed the inspectional findings. The following deviations were found:

- There is no backflow preventer device in the line leading to the hydrant outlet to prevent back pumpage.

Location - Berth 1
 Berth 2
 Pier 9
- The hydrant outlets (3) are not terminating at least 18 inches above the pier surface.

Location - Berth 1
 Berth 2
 Pier 9

- There is no cut-off valve in line to each hydrant.

Location - Berth 1
Berth 2
Pier 9

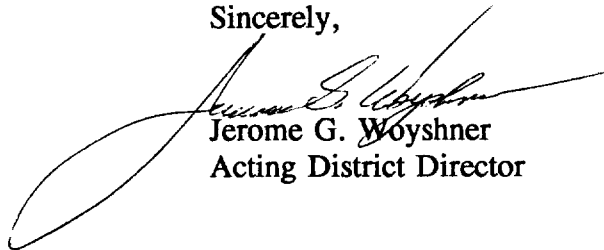
- The fire hose is used to deliver potable water.

The above violations are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies which may exist. As a result of this inspection, a "Provisional" classification has been assigned for a period of thirty (30) days at which time a reinspection will be conducted. If significant improvement has not been made at that time, a "Not Approved" classification will be justified.

You should take prompt action to correct these violations. It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements of the Public Health Service Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder are being met. You should notify this office in writing within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations.

Your reply should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, 850 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232, Attention, Fabio Mattiasich, Compliance Officer.

Sincerely,



Jerome G. Woyshner
Acting District Director

Enclosures: Form FDA483 (Inspectional Observations)
Form FDA 2521 (Inspectional Summary)

cc: Ari Vonthol
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